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SUMMARY: I.I. PUDKOV HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER OF
MACHINE BUILDING FOR LIGHT AND FOOD INDUSTRY AND HOUSE-
HOLD APPLIANCES FOR THE USSR. HE HAS BEEN THE FIRST
DEPUTY MINISTER SINCE 1968. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MARCH 29 PRAVDA ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT BY
THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF IVAN IVANOVICH
PUDKOV AS MINISTER OF MACHINE BUILDING FOR LIGHT AND
FOOD INDUSTRY AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FOR THE USSR.
HE SUCCEEDS VASILY NIKOLAYEVICH DOYENIN WHO DIED ON
FEBRUARY 23 AND WHO HAD BEEN MINISTER SINCE OCTOBER
1965. PUDKOV HAS BEEN FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER SINCE 1968,
ACCORDING TO PRAVDA. A 61-YEAR-OLD ENGINEER--RELATIVELY
YOUNG FOR A SOVIET MINISTER--PUDKOV, NONETHELESS, HAS
CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE, BOTH IN HIS MINISTRY AND IN
PRODUCTION PROBLEMS MORE GENERALLY.

2. A RUSSIAN BORN IN 1916, PUDKOV HAS BEEN A PARTY MEMBER
SINCE 1945. HE STUDIED AT MOSCOW'S ORDZHONIKIDZE AVIATION
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INSTITUTE, BEGIN WORK AS A DESIGN-ENGINEER, AND LATER
BECAME CHIEF OF A BUILDING OFFICE AND SECRETARY OF THE
PLANT'S PARTY COMMITTEE. FROM 1953 ON HE SERVED AS CHIEF
OF PRODUCTION, CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST, CHIEF ENGINEER, AND
DIRECTOR OF A SERIES OF PLANTS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF THE
AVIATION INDUSTRY.

3. ALTHOUGH THE MINISTRY'S PERFORMANCE HAS IMPROVED IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR (TRUD, MARCH 15), IT WAS CRITICIZED LAST YEAR FOR SHORTCOMINGS IN THE PRODUCTION OF BOTH EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS. GIVEN THE NEED FOR, AND AT LEAST RHETORICAL EMPHASIS ON, IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS, PUDKOV'S MINISTRY IS CERTAIN TO FEEL THE HEAT TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE PRODUCTION. FURTHERMORE, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE CONSUMER GOODS MINISTRIES AND PLANTS WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT DELIVERIES FROM HIS MINISTRY WHEN THEIR PERFORMANCE IS CRITICIZED.
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